



# Gillespie Field Development Council



## **A Joint Powers Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and County of San Diego**

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Phyllis Trombi  
*Chairwoman*

Bob Parker  
*Councilman*

Barry Bardack  
*Vice Chairman*

Cliff Leary  
*Councilman*

Ramzi Murad  
*Councilman*

### **MINUTES OF January 19, 2010 DRAFT – SUBJECT TO GFDC APPROVAL February 16, 2010**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></b>
Phyllis Trombi	Peter Drinkwater
Bob Parker	Roger Griffiths
Barry Bardack	Lee Ann Lardy
Ramzi Murad	Kathleen Bute
Cliff Leary	Eric Nelson
	Sarah Solis

\*For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

Audio of the latest GFDC meeting is available online:  
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/airports/gfdcagenda.html>

#### **1. ROLL CALL**

Chairwoman Trombi called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Parker made a motion that the minutes of November 18, 2009 be approved.  
Mr. Bardack seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

#### **4. CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Trombi stated that she was reappointed by the Board of Supervisor to the GFDC for another 4 year term. Mr. Leary made a point of order that the Board of Supervisors appointed her as Chairwoman for the remainder of her term. Mr.

Bardack made a motion to reelect Ms. Trombi to Chair; Mr. Leary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Trombi stated that she would not be Chairwoman in 2011. Mr. Leary moved to elect Mr. Bardack as Vice Chair; Ms. Trombi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There was no Chairwoman's report.

5. (6.) BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT FOLLOW UP

Ms. Bute gave a presentation regarding cash balance versus fund balance; expenses and revenues; 2009/2010 AEF budget; Operational Reserve Requirement; and current AEF fund balance available.

The Council asked for clarification regarding: the difference between cash and fund balance as both come from the AEF reports; where specific dollar amounts came from; specific project information; redevelopment agency bond money; and long term revenue.

Mr. Drinkwater stated that Finance would give a more specific presentation in February regarding Gillespie Field budget line items showing revenue and expenses in order to meet the goal of providing transparency and clarity of financial issues.

6. (5.) GILLESPIE FIELD INFRASTRUCTURE AND CIP INVESTMENT

Mr. Nelson gave a presentation outlining Gillespie Field infrastructure improvements over the past five years; pavement condition index (PCI) and how Gillespie's pavement has improved; runway and taxiway rehabilitations, repaving and restripings; FAA and stimulus funded versus AEF funded airport projects; threshold relocations; FOD control and obstacle removal by Airports Maintenance; channel maintenance and industrial park road maintenance; as well as estimated project cost for the Cajon Air Center. He stated that Gillespie is very close to just maintaining the airport.

The Council stated that Mr. Drinkwater has provided the leadership needed to aggressively pursue grant funding for continued development of Gillespie Field. They praised Mr. Griffiths for great management and Mr. Nelson for his outstanding support concerning ALUC.

7. GILLESPIE FIELD AVIATION RENTAL ADJUSTMENT AMENDMENTS

Ms. Lardy gave a presentation regarding how the Gillespie Field lease amendments were negotiated; how the rent phase-in will work and the proposed amendments for each FBO.

Ms. Trombi read a letter from Ted Hazelwood, SoCal Aircraft Repair, who could not attend the meeting: Mr. Hazelwood; Rob Dennis, El Cajon Flying Service; Wayne Breise, San Diego Aircraft speaking on behalf of GALA; and Dick McDowell, Safari Aviation all voiced their support for the lease amendments.

Mr. Murad praised GALA and County staff for working so hard to reach an agreement. Mr. Leary was happy to see compromise from both sides but was concerned about the increase and stated that should they become excessive in the future, the FAA would get involved. Mr. Parker stated how happy he was that GALA and County were able to reach a mutually acceptable agreement and he wanted to get the amendments to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Mr. Bardack voiced his concern that the rent increase might have far reaching impacts on the national transportation system by chasing seasoned pilots out of general aviation airports leaving a gap between them and young pilots; but since no pilots attended to voice their discontent, he said he had no choice but to vote in favor of the motion. Ms. Trombi appealed to the Master Lease Holders in the audience to keep their rents low and stated that she is no longer flying because she cannot afford it.

*MOTION – “It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed amendments to the Aviation leases discussed, as recommended by staff.”*

Ms. Trombi made a motion to approve. Mr. Parker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### 8. AIRPORT DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Drinkwater thanked the Council members for passing the suggested motion item regarding Gillespie Field rental adjustments.

#### 9. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Mr. Griffiths stated a very early investigation began for a DME (distance measuring equipment) in order to improve the approach and as a back up plan for GRIGG (middle marker). He also said there would be a stormwater inspection on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Griffiths gave the Good Neighbor Report stating there were a total of 16,285 operations in December and 8 total noise complaints for the months of November and December.

Mr. Bardack asked about a LP (localizer performance) approach into Gillespie Field; Mr. Griffiths said he would follow up on that at February's meeting. Ms. Trombi asked if staff responds to noise complaints; Mr. Griffiths stated that it is County policy and each complaint is answered. She asked if there was anything Gillespie pilots can do but Mr. Griffiths stated that most noise complaints tend to be generated by out-of-area pilots or by students who may need further instruction.

#### 10. DISCUSSION REGARDING SELF-SUSTAINABILITY

Ms. Trombi tabled this discussion until February when the Airports budget will be presented to financial staff.

#### 11. DISCUSSION REGARDING MOU POLICY

Ms. Trombi suggested tabling this discussion until February; Mr. Bardack agreed.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED  
DURING A FUTURE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

Items 10 and 11 will be discussed during the GFDC meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

13. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bardack reminded the Council that getting information a week in advance of the meetings would be helpful.

14. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

15. ADJOURN

Ms. Trombi adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in City Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
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